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Dear Mr Gill

Review of the *Co-operation Act* 1981

The Minister for Fair Trading has requested me to thank you for your letter dated 30 April 1995 and to respond on her behalf.

The Minister is aware that the co-operative industry has been eagerly and patiently awaiting amendments to the legislation for several years.

A SCAG working party is progressing with the interstate trading issues and recently met with Commonwealth officers to discuss the interface with the Corporations Law. The working party is meeting again later this month.

A review of the Act is currently taking place within our office. The Minister will request that the Act obtain priority next year, but you must be aware of the difficulties of competing government priorities. If you have any further submissions with respect to proposed amendments, please direct them to Kerrie Levy of our office (9627 6085).

Yours sincerely

MALCOLM WALTER
Director